

Region Director, and in such cases the voyage termination date shall be as approved by the Region Director. The Region Director shall promptly advise the operator of his determination approving or disapproving any request filed under this paragraph (b), and the Region Director's decision as to such termination shall prevail, provided that all terminations shall be as of midnight of the day specified.

(c) *Idle status periods.* Idle status periods shall be identified separately, whether occurring during or between voyages, and, if occurring during a voyage shall be identified with the applicable voyage number. A separate accounting period shall be created to cover each idle status period, and all such periods shall be reported to the Region Director.

(d) *Excessive delays.* Whenever a vessel is delayed in port for a period of 10 days or more in excess of its normal period of operations in said port, the operator immediately shall report said circumstances, together with all pertinent facts, to the Region Director. The Region Director shall determine whether or not said delay was justified and if operating costs for said period were reduced to a minimum in accordance with sound commercial practice.

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§281.4 Treatment of subsidy during idle status and off-hire period.

During an idle status period, subsidy shall be payable only for such subsidizable items of expenses as are determined by the Maritime Administrator, after presentation by the operator of the facts relating to such idle status period, to be necessary for the maintenance, preservation, repair, or husbanding of the vessel during and under the circumstances involved; however, the Maritime Subsidy Board reserves the right to suspend at any time the payment of subsidy on idle vessels when, after consideration of the facts and circumstances regarding such period, it determines that an unreasonable period has elapsed or such idle period was not warranted: *Provided*, That as to a chartered ship operated under a "Use Agreement", operating-differential subsidy shall cease to accrue to the ship simultaneously with the time it

goes "off hire" and subsidy shall not again accrue to said ship until it is re-employed in the subsidized service as determined in accordance with §281.3. Nothing herein shall limit any other rights of the United States with respect to the payment or nonpayment of subsidy.

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§281.5 Right of Maritime Administrator to recover subsidy for any period of idleness.

The Maritime Administrator may, prior to payment of subsidy for any voucher period which includes a period of idleness, require the operator to establish to the satisfaction of the Maritime Administrator that such period of idleness could not have been prevented in whole or in part through efficient and economical operation. The Maritime Administrator may recover any payment of subsidy for any item of expense allocable to such period of idleness which in the opinion of the Maritime Administrator could have been avoided by efficient and economical operation.

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§281.6 Interpretation.

All questions of interpretation arising under the sections of this part shall be submitted to the Maritime Administrator for determination, whose decision thereon shall be final.

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